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FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER

FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 00412 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO AMMAN,  
BEIRUT, DAMASCUS, JIDDA, TEL AVIV & TRIPOLI DATED 14 JANUARY 1975:

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 412

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EG, XF

SUBJECT: GOE/PLO RELATIONS

1. ALL THREE ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILIES HAVE FRONT PAGE  
ARTICLE JAN 14 CLAIMING "CERTAIN QUARTERS" ALLEGE EGYPT  
WILL SIGN AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL SPECIFYING ISRAELI  
WITHDRAWAL OF 30 TO 60 KMS IN SINAI, AND THAT EGYPT, IN RETURN,  
WILL STOP ALL MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL FOR TWELVE YEARS.  
ALLEGED AGREEMENT, PAPERS SAY, INCLUDES US GUARANTEE OF  
ISRAEL'S OIL REQUIREMENTS. FURTHER, THIS INFORMATION IS GIVEN  
AS REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT OF BREZHNEV VISIT. SUCH DUBIOUS  
ALLEGATIONS, PAPERS NOTE, HARM OUR INTERESTS, AND UNDERMINE  
ARAB SOLIDARITY. ALL THREE PAPERS CITE "ARAB SOURCES IN  
CAIRO" AS SAYING THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE "COMPLETELY FICTITIOUS".

2. NEITHER GUMHURIYYA NOR AKHBAR DATELINE THEIR STORIES.

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AHRAM, HOWEVER, DATELINES ITS STORY "BEIRUT" AND ADDS

COMMENT THAT THE DECEPTIVE ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY SAME CIRCLES WHICH HAVE INSTIGATED DISTRIBUTION OF LEAFLETS TO SOME RESISTANCE GROUPS AND CERTAIN PARTY ORGANIZATIONS.

3. COMMENT: STORY ORIGINATED IN CAIRO, NOT IN BEIRUT. RELIABLE SOURCE TELLS US GOE IS ANNOYED AT COMMENTS MADE PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY BY PLO IN LEBANON (ESPECIALLY BY YASIR ABDO RIBBO AND ARAFAT) CONCERNING EGYPTIAN INTENTIONS. WE UNDERSTAND FAHMY SUMMONED LOCAL PLO REP SA'ID KAMAL OVER WEEKEND TO CONVEY GOE DISPLEASURE. AFTER MEETING, WE UNDERSTAND KAMAL SAID HE WOULD SEND FOR ARAFAT BECAUSE THE PROBLEM WAS TOO HOT FOR HIM TO HANDLE PERSONALLY.

4. GUMHURIYYA AND AKHBAR JAN 14 FEATURE PICTURE OF SADAT SHANKING HANDS WITH ABU IYAD AND RIBDI AWAN, AND REPORT THAT LATTER HAS GONE TO REPORT TO ARAFAT IN BEIRUT. WE ASSUME SADAT ALSO TOLD AWAD AND ABU IYAD THAT PLO MUST STOP ITS ANTI-GOE WHISPERING CAMPAIGN. MAESTRONE  
UNQTE KISSINGER

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